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(Reissue Application of U.S. Patent 5,357,091)
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Title : CARD TYPE INPUT/OUTPUT INTERFACE DEVICE
AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE USING THE SAME
Examiner: : T. LE
(Special Program Examiner Edward Glick)
Group Art Unit 2876

September 7, 1999

SUBMISSION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In a telephone conversation with the Special Program Examiner Edward Glick on September 1, 1999, Applicant's attorney was advised of a number of corrections required in the present reissue application before it can be passed to allowance. The present submission attends to those two items as follows. Additionally the present submission also submits a new IDS together with a certificate indicating that this information became known less than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

Accordingly, the following are enclosed:

1. The Special Program Review Examiner indicated that the original Assent of Assignee was signed by an individual identified as General Manager. As he is other than an officer of the company, there is required a certificate under 37 CFR 3.37(b). There is

now enclosed such document under 3.37(b) signed by the same individual who signed the Assent of Assignee indicating that he has the authorization to make such statement.

2. The Special Program Examiner indicated that in the original prosecution history of the patent, there could not be found a certified copy of the priority document whose priority has been claimed. Such priority document was submitted in the original patent application. As evidence thereof, there is now enclosed a copy of the submission of priority document on which there is contained the Express Mail Receipt No. There is also provided actual copies of selected pages of the priority document, including the first page. There is also provided a post card with the Express Mail Receipt No. and it is stamped by the USPTO acknowledging receipt of such priority document. It is requested that this be entered into the file of the original patent application to replace the missing submission.

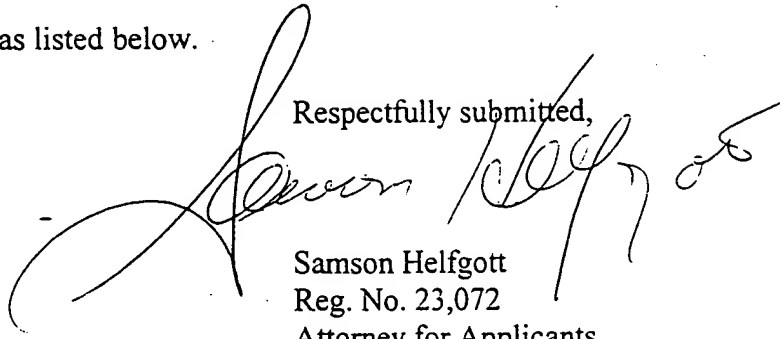
3. There is here enclosed an IDS statement citing three Japanese non-examined publications together with an English language translation of each. In the IDS statement, there is already included a statement distinguishing each of these references. At least one of these references has a publication date after the priority date of the original application. Accordingly, there is also submitted herewith the following:

4. A sworn certified translation of the priority document intended to overcome the first of the references cited in the enclosed IDS.

Should there be any further questions with respect to this matter, it is kindly

requested that the Special Program Examiner or the Examiner handling this case contact the attorney of record as listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Samson Helfgott', is written over the typed name and title.

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